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Investigation into Marijuana Cultivation Leads to Arrest

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On July 24, 2012, at 9:00 a.m., a month-long investigation by Santa Barbara Police Department Narcotics Detectives culminated with a search warrant being served at 315 Stanley Drive and the arrest of Walter Seth Stanley, age 31. Stanley was detained in a traffic stop nearby when the search warrant at his residence was executed. Detectives from the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department assisted in the operation.

The investigation indicated that Stanley was cultivating marijuana for the purpose of supplying storefront marijuana dispensaries in the Los Angeles area. Among the items seized during the search of his residence were approximately 80 marijuana plants, approximately 5 pounds of processed marijuana, approximately \$2000.00 in cash, and one box of 25 shotgun shells. The plants, when fully mature, would have produced approximately \$120,000.00 worth of marijuana. The processed marijuana is worth approximately \$1500.00. These are estimates of the wholesale value that would have been paid by dispensary operators; the actual street value is much higher.

Stanley was booked into Santa Barbara County Jail for possession for sale of marijuana and cultivation of marijuana, both felonies. Additionally, he was booked for being a felon in possession of ammunition, a misdemeanor. His bail amount is \$30,000.00.



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